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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO THAILAND

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF GIFTS AND DRESS WITH
PROTOCOL OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT
VICE PRESIDENT WISHED TO AVOID BLACK TIE DRESS AND THAT GIFTS
TO BE EXCHANGED SHOULD BE MODEST. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MAY 4
DINNER WILL BE LOUNGE SUIT.

2. RE DRESS FOR MRS MONDALE, A SHORT DRESS WILL BE APPROPRIATE
FOR ALL THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES EXCEPT DINNER. FOR HER AUDIENCE
WITH THEIR MAJESTIES, MRS MONDALE SHOULD WEAR A SHORT DRESS
WITH GLOVES.
FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER MAY 4, A LONG DRESS WITHOUT
GLOVES IS APPROPRIATE.

3. FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT, BUSINESS SUIT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL
EVENTS. A DARK SUIT IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CALL ON THE KING
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AND QUEEN. LOUNGE SUIT WILL BE THE DRESS FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S
LUNCHEON SINCE THE PARTY WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM THE RESIDENCE
TO THE AIRPORT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND SPORT SHIRT FOR DIN DAENG
AND GRAND PALACE VISIT BUT WILL CHECK APPROPRIATENESS WITH
PROTOCOL.

4. THE DRESS PRESCRIBED ABOVE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS

MONDALE IS APPROPRIATE FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THEM ON THE VARIOUS PROGRAM EVENTS. THE WEATHER WILL BE VERY HOT. LIGHT, TROPICAL WEIGHT CLOTHES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL.

5. GIFTS. FOR GIFT EXCHANGE WITH PRIME MINISTER AND MRS WIRAT, THERE SHOULD BE TWO GIFTS, ONE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER AND ONE FROM MRS MONDALE TO MRS WIRAT. THIS EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE JUST PRIOR TO THE DINNER ON MAY 4. THE GIFTS WILL HAVE BEEN PLACED IN ADVANCE IN THE ROOM TO WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WILL LEAD VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS MONDALE WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR DINNER.

6. WHILE THEIR MAJESTIES DO NOT NORMALLY EXCHANGE GIFTS WITH OTHER THAN HEADS OF STATE, IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR SENIOR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES CALLING ON THEIR MAJESTIES TO PRESENT GIFT. PREVIOUS VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISITORS HAVE DONE THIS. IN OUR MEETING APRIL 21 WE WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT ONE GIFT TO THE KING AND QUEEN FROM BOTH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS MONDALE OR TWO GIFTS, ONE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE KING AND ONE FROM MRS MONDALE TO THE QUEEN. GIFT(S) WILL BE PLACED IN ADVANCE IN THE ROOM WHERE THE KING AND QUEEN WILL RECEIVE THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS MONDALE. GIFT OFFICER IS FSO ROBERT SKIFF.

7. MRS MONDALE'S SCHEDULE. PEACE CORPS HAS RECOMMENDED SUB-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STITUTING VISIT TO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN LIEU OF SCHOOL FOR BLIND ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 4. SCHOOL FOR BLIND WILL NOT BE IN SESSION AT TIME OF VISIT AND ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF BOARDING STUDENTS WOULD BE AT THE SCHOOL. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF WILL BE IN SESSION AND WOULD AFFORD MRS MONDALE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AN OLDER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN CLASSROOM SITUATION WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. THERE IS NO APPRECIABLE TIME DIFFERENCE INVOLVED IN SUBSTITUTING SCHOOL FOR DEAF VISIT FOR SCHOOL FOR BLIND.

8. RTG DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ARE MEETING AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AFTERNOON ON APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS VISIT IN DETAIL. EMBASSY COORDINATOR WILL MEET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL MORNING OF APRIL 21 TO REVIEW RESULTS OF THAT MEETING.
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